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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed  
September 26, 2007 which is a 30-day restriction requirement.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under  
35 USC 121 between Groups I, II, III and IV.

Group I (claims 1-8) is provisionally elected with traverse.

The restriction requirement is traversed on the ground that  
as a matter of law, the wrong criteria were applied. The  
restriction requirement refers to the practice set forth in MPEP  
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rationale for the restriction requirement set forth on pages 2-5 of the Office Action. However, this criteria applies to regular United States applications, i.e. applications filed under 35 USC 111, and does not apply to the present application.

The present application is a United States national phase of an international application filed under 35 USC 371.

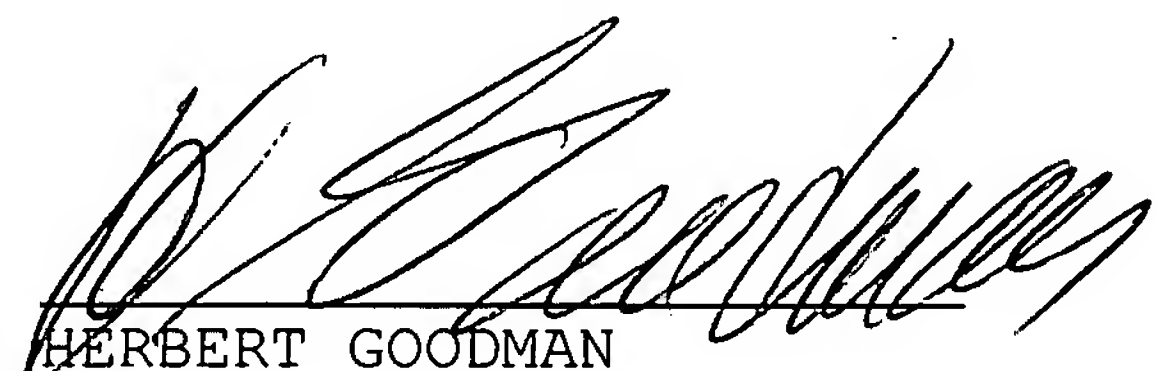
37 CFR 1.475 and 1.499 govern the practice involving unity of invention which is applied to United States national phase applications (see MPEP §1893.03(d)).

It is respectfully submitted that the claims in the present application meet the unity of invention criteria which is applicable to the present application.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claims is solicited.

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